



# **ACCULTURATION/MENTORING TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAMS**

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# ACCULTURATION TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM

Acculturation-Civilian Marines should have an opportunity to learn about the Marine Corps, its culture, and its history.

Background-Acculturation and military education are invaluable in preparing civilians to compete for future and shared leadership positions.





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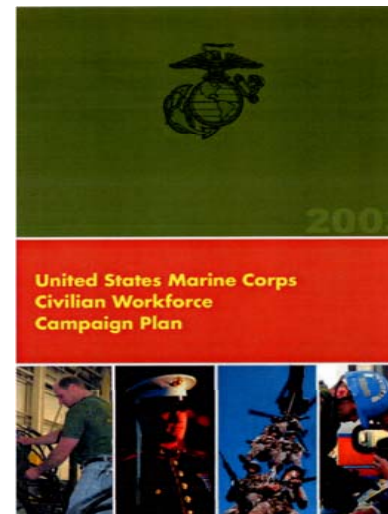
Designed so that new civilian members of the Marine Corps can:

- 1) Understand the Marine Corps' culture
- 2) What is expected of them as a Civilian Marine
- 3) Military rank structure and Civilian Marine grades
- 4) Command units and divisions
- 5) How Marines and Civilian Marines are evaluated and promoted
- 6) The Marine Corps' core values
- 7) Training that Marines go through
- 8) The history of the Marine Corps and when it was established



# Past - Present

- Civilian Workforce Campaign Plan
- Outsourced to a contractor
- Six month process
- Pilot courses (week of 8 March 2004)
- 31 March 2004 – End of Contract (extended to 24 April)
- Next Step – Contract out to Train-the-Trainers at local commands





# and...Future

- Develop/deliver “Train-the-Trainer”  
Training – Aug/Sep 2004

## 1) Entry Level

## 2) Supervisory Level

## 3) Executive Level

- East Coast

- West Coast

- Pacific



# Role of the Civilian Marine

*“You know, if you want to bake a cake, you wouldn’t take out one-third of the ingredients and expect it to taste like anything. Well, Civilian Marines represent one-third of our Corps, and we need their support to make any of our operations run smoothly”.*

*Sgt Maj Alford L. McMichael  
14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps*



# Role of the Civilian Marine

Support mission accomplishment, through:

- “Critical continuity”
- Corporate memory
- Sustainment activities such as:
  - Depot maintenance
  - Logistics support
  - Firefighting
  - IT support
  - Mechanical support
- Deploy with Marines (MEU, AT/FP)
- A critical component of supporting establishment





# Benefits

- A workforce imbued with USMC Core Values
- True teamwork, based on respect and mutual understanding
- High performers will be attracted and will want to stay
- Institutional ability to “grow our own”
- Operational initiative at every level
- Leadership skills needed to ensure mission success



# USMC History

- When the Marine Corps was established
- Where
- Wars and Conflicts
- The first Civilian Marine
- Where and Why Civilian Marines “work”  
for the Marine Corps





# Organizations

- Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Forces (MEF)
- MARFORLANT
- MARFORPAC





# The Marine Corps Culture

## Tradition

Emblem

Semper Fidelis

Uniform

Birthday

First To Fight

## Marine Corps Jargon

Leatherneck

Jarhead

Marine

Warrior

Head





# Training

- Formal Schools (MOS producing school)
- Professional Military Education (PME) Schools
  - Command & Staff College
  - Naval Post Graduate School
- Leadership Development





# Evaluation and Promotion Systems

- Marines:  
Fitness Reports and Proficiency and Conduct Marks
- Civilian Marines:  
Performance Appraisals

When?

Who?

The Process?



# MENTOR TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM

Why?

Because we need a tool on how to hold career and leadership discussions with employees concerning the employees' job series skills and leadership development competencies for civilian employees.



# Leadership Continuum and Job Series

Will Provide:

- Civilian Leadership Competencies (found in the Leadership Competency Continuum)



- General overview of job series and where the series fall in each of the COIs



# The Curriculum

- Coaching techniques
- Mentoring responsibilities
- Supervisory responsibilities concerning Individual Development Plans (IDPs) for employees



# Resources

Two books:

1<sup>st</sup> Book for the trainer with  
10 blocks different subjects

2<sup>nd</sup> book is a Quick Reference Guide  
Can be used by the mentor or participant



# Content

## 1) Key Mentor Program Components

A statement of purpose and long-range plan

Link the Mentoring program to other organizational initiatives

## 2) Mentor Program Process

Assessment

Developing the relationship

## 3) Role of the Participant

Benefits

Expectations



# Content (continued)

- 4) Role of the Organization:
  - Benefits
  - Mentor program organizational components
  
- 5) Mentor-Participant Matching Guidelines
  - Important characteristics in the relationship
  - What to look for in a mentor



# Why?

## The Bottom Line!

**Grow our own.....**

Information Technology  
Electricians  
Program Analysts  
Education  
Cashier  
Safety  
Human Resources



## **The Employer of Choice.**



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